

Approved For Release 1999/09/09 : CIA-RDP82-00457R005600420011-6

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REPORT NO.

INFORMATION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

CD NO.

DATE DISTR 31 AUG 50

NO. OF PAGES 1

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

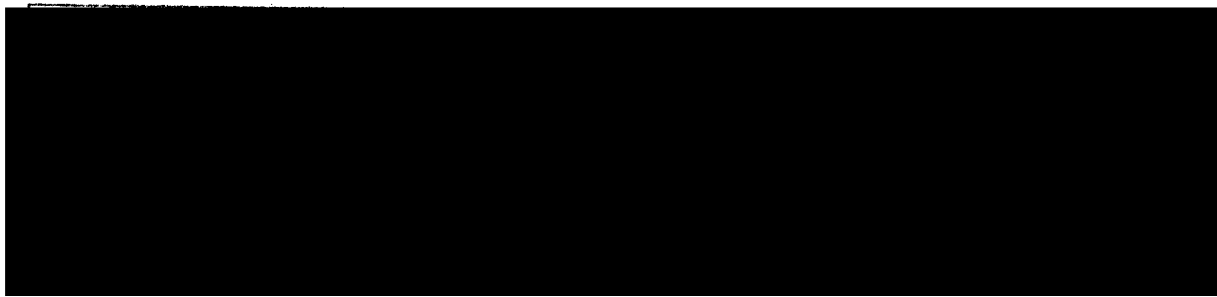
COUNTRY Korea

SUBJECT Manufacture of Military Materiel in
South Pyongan Province

PLACE ACQUIRED 25X1A

DATE OF
INFO.

FLD
479



25X1X

1. The light metal factory attached to the steel plant in Kangso (125-28, 38-58), South Pyongan Province, is now manufacturing shells for weapons of the North Korean army. Shells for long rifles (Japanese model), mortars, and hand grenades are partially processed and sent to the Hungnam (127-34, 40-16) chemical factory via Pyongyang for completion of manufacture. The Kangso factory, which was greatly damaged after the war, has been operating day and night since the beginning of January 1950. Half of its products are reported to be so inferior that they are returned from Hungnam to Kangso for reshaping.
2. The steel plant in Kangso is now manufacturing steel plates from three to five inches thick as well as railroad rails, nuts, and bolts. These are transported to Nanam (129-41, 41-42), North Hamgyong Province, purportedly for use in military construction, but it is believed that most of the steel plates are being shipped to the USSR. Since December, 1949, large quantities of metal ore from various mines in Hamgyong Province have been stored in the warehouses of the Kangso steel plant.
3. Since 20 January, 25 German prisoners of war, who came from the USSR, have been instructing the Kangso steel plant workers and have been inspecting products of the plant. The Germans live in a warehouse to the right of the plant and are supplied food by the Soviet headquarters in Pyongyang.

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION

CONFIDENTIAL

STATE	NAVY	N3RB	DISTRIBUTION						
ARMY	AIR	FBI	CINCPAC	COMSEVENTHFLT	COMNAVPACFLT	CINCPACFLT			

This document is hereby regraded to
CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the
letter of 16 October 1978 from the
Director of Central Intelligence to the
Archivist of the United States.
Approved For Release 1999/09/09 : CIA-RDP82-00457R005600420011-6
Next Review Date: 2008

Document No. 230678
No Change in Class
Not Declassified
Date Reported to: TS S C
E: 034